

Graffiti Center: Writing Love

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East Side

By Norman Jameson
NEW YORK (BP) — A wishful breeze from the small black fan presses hard against the sultry, dusty air in the second floor walk-up, trying to push it past the heat and smells back into the street.

But noise from the cars, the yelling and the jackhammer, keeps rising with the flies like dust off a barren plain, seeping through half open windows, sucked in by vacant buildings full of empty people.

For Kip Childress and Norman Daugherty, it's the afternoon of another day at Graffiti Center, a Southern Baptist mission outreach on New York's lower east side. Childress, a large, bearded Sam Houston State University senior, and Daugherty, a senior at Salisbury State College, Salisbury, Md., were summer missionaries "on the block."

It was Childress' second summer.

He came back to see if he'd had any effect among the Puerto Ricans and blacks that crowd into the peeling six-story walk-ups along East 7th Street. Everyone remembered the big, pleasant guy, but if effect is measured in changed lives, Childress admits there was little.

He and Daugherty worked in a federally funded lunch program that gave two free meals a day to handicapped and children under 18. Graffiti Center was the distribution point since the block association didn't have access to a building large enough that would meet health codes.

Childress, Daugherty and two girl summer missionaries — Patti McGlothlin, a Baylor University junior and Sharon Easterlin, a sophomore at the University of Maryland — spent their days on the street or in "vest pocket" parks around a mobile

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The walls of Graffiti Center, a Southern Baptist ministry on New York's Lower East Side, make a good easel for — graffiti (BP) photo by Judy Touchton



Volunteers from the University of Maryland painted radiators and did maintenance on the center this spring. Bureaucratic red tape keeps the fenced, empty block off-limits to children who would use it for a playground. Background buildings were burned out last winter. — (BP) photo by Judy Touchton

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In Six Cities

Church Growth Meetings To Offer Basic Strategy

Church Growth is the theme of six area-wide conferences set throughout the state this month.

Purpose of these conferences, according to sponsors at the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, is to equip the church to deal effectively with outreach and its resultant growth.

Though aimed at church leadership in the nearly 2,000 Baptist churches affiliated with the Mississippi Baptist Convention, the growth principles to be outlined may be used in churches of any denomination.

Each of the six two-hour meetings begins at 7 p.m. The schedule is as follows: Aug. 20 — Calvary Baptist Church, Tupelo; Aug. 21 — North Greenwood Baptist Church, Greenwood; Aug. 23 — Highland Baptist Church, Meridian; Aug. 27 — First Baptist Church — Brookhaven; Aug. 28 — First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg; and Aug. 30 — First Baptist Church, Biloxi.

Neil Jackson, growth consultant for

the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tenn., will speak at all six conferences on the "growth spiral," a method for planning for growth of a Sunday School.

Harold Bryson, associate professor of preaching at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, will speak at conferences held in Brookhaven, Hattiesburg, and Biloxi.

A Mississippi native and former pastor of First Baptist Church, Carthage, Bryson will address the topic "Making Your Organizations Evangelistic."

Speaking on the same subject at the conferences in Greenwood, Tupelo, and Meridian will be the executive assistant director of the Division of Church Extension at the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta, Ga.

Co-sponsors for this series of meetings are the Evangelism and Sunday School Departments of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Says Roy Collum, director of the

Evangelism Department, "The growth spiral and bold evangelism are linked together at the very heart of our strategy to develop growing churches."

Adds Bryant Cummings, Sunday School Department director, "Church and Sunday School growth must become a way of life, adhered to by Christian leadership everywhere."

WHO Received WHAT?

(or what happened to the state mission material?)

By Marjean Patterson
State WMU Director

Huge canvas bags filled to the brim with State Mission Season of Prayer material left the Baptist Building more than two weeks ago. Recipients of all this material were church WMU directors, associational WMU directors, WMU Executive Board members, church ministers of education and directors of associational missions.

In addition to all the program booklets, posters, and offering envelopes which already have been distributed, a cassette tape, a filmclip with more than twenty frames, and an accompanying script will be sent in the pastor's mailout this month.

All the preparation, production, and distribution of material is for one purpose — helping Mississippi Baptists to be more knowledgeable concerning mission needs here in our state. After we become aware of needs, then we are encouraged to give money to meet some of them. In addition, all who participate in the Season of Prayer for State Missions are called on to pray diligently for state mission causes.

If additional materials would be helpful for the observance of the State Mission Season of Prayer in your church, just send your request to Woman's Missionary Union, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.

State Mission Offering Helps In Special Areas

By Earl Kelly
Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

"Why have another special offering for State Missions every year?" Because the areas that weren't supported by the regularly channeled offerings are totally funded by the annual State Mission Offering.

These areas are not supported through the Cooperative Program or any other special offering. That's why a minimum goal of \$300,000 is imperative for 1979.

The goals included in the State Mission offering are prioritized. \$110,000 has been included for the operation of Camp Garaywa and Central Hills Baptist Retreat. No one can estimate the impact these two camps have each year on hundreds of girls and boys from our churches.

Central Hills Baptist Retreat is still in the process of being built, but Garaywa has been around long enough to require capital improvements so an additional \$35,000 has been included for improvements.

28 Churches A Year

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board has assisted an average of 28 churches a year for more than 20 years. There are occasions when a local church cannot cope with the demands which emergencies create and they must have outside help.

Some of the older and smaller churches need assistance in keeping a church building in service and help in supporting the pastor. Each year many churches have had to cope with

emergencies created by hurricanes, tornadoes, fire, and floods.

In all probability some Mississippi Baptist churches would have had to disband had it not been for the assistance given by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board to pull them through an emergency.

Since 1968, 569 churches from 75 associations have been assisted in some kind of financial emergency.

\$35,000 is earmarked in the State Mission offering for Disaster work — a sum representing less than half our average annual expenditure over the last decade.

We have learned that disasters resulting from natural phenomena unleash powerful behavioral reactions and emotions which are often overwhelming. The events and the interceding consequences are so awesome as to force an affected person to ponder his philosophy of life — his relations to other human beings — his relationship to God. These events provide us, as Baptists, the opportunity to stop in or step in and say, "God cares and loves you and because he cares we also care and love you."

\$200,000 will be required to meet the needs already outlined. These needs are fixed and had priority in the budget. The remaining \$100,000 will be spent for new church sites and chapels to accommodate new missions. Instead of \$100,000 the needs for this area are nearer \$250,000.

If one believes in making the home base strong, there can be no better mission investment than State Missions.

Bold Missions Rally

"Go Untie Them, And Let Them Free"

Gulf Coast Baptist Association commissioned several missions volunteers and congratulated several returnees from mission service during a Bold Mission Rally at First Baptist Church, Biloxi, Aug. 2.

Featured speaker Lewis Meyers of the Foreign Mission Board, told the congregation stories of missions involvement relating it to the story of Jesus telling someone in a crowd to untie Lazarus from his grave clothes after Jesus had brought him back to life.

"All over the world there are people like Lazarus," said Meyers, who is associate to the director of the overseas division of the FMB. "He (Jesus) looks at people like you and says 'go untie them, and let them free.'"

Meyers recalled a young refugee boy who attended a little church in East Danang while Meyers was a missionary to Vietnam prior to the United States pullout in 1975.

The boy ended up in New Orleans with a PhD in physics, leading other Vietnamese in Bible studies at the seamen's center operated by John Vandercook.

Meyers visited there and met a man who had been a commanding general of a military corps in Vietnam who had come to know Christ through the witness of "pastor Mau," once a refugee boy.

Meyers added that the association, the state mission board, and the Home and Foreign Mission Boards are only doors to step through. "You can step through those doors to unleash people," said Meyers.

"It only requires a basic commitment to Christ and to share his word," he added.

The program, organized by Sam Turner, Gulf Coast Association's director of missions, included commissioning of the following: Felix and Dene Greer as career missionaries to Liberia; Sue Holland as missionary journeyman to Yemen (who had to leave for Yemen before the service);

Mark and Cathy Spain as 'US-2 missionaries to Portland, Ore.; Jerry and Joyce Masterson as Mission Service Corps volunteers for Spanish ministries; and Floyd and Wana Hughes as pastor of a pioneer church in Lansing, Mich.

Summer missionaries along the coast were recognized. They were Eddie Hilderbrand, Sherri Levens, Steve Wilkinson, Rebecca Long, and Roy Oates.

Also recognized were members of a volunteer construction team that had traveled to Barbados recently: Bill Allen, Hubert Batson, Ernie Bullen, Vern Daily, Hershel Dubuisson, Bob and Dwight Ebersold, Jerry Estes, Tom Gautier, George Holifield, Steve Hooker, George Holmes, Jack Melton, Jimmy Miller, Frank Pike, and Sam Turner.

Bold Mission supporters also received congratulations. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lenaz had given a year's financial support to send a young adult

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First Baptist, Clinton, Meets 'Standard' Requisites

NASHVILLE — A Mississippi church was the first in the Southern Baptist Convention to meet all requirements for the general Sunday School Standard, initiated earlier this year.

First Baptist Church, Clinton, Miss., has been approved by the state convention's Sunday School department with the Standard awarded by the SBC Sunday School Board.

The Sunday School Standard is a guide to basic Sunday School work and includes requirements in eight categories: outreach and growth, Bible study, evangelism, member in-

volvement, organization, learning environment, planning and leadership development.

Harry Piland, director of the board's Sunday School department, noted that since Mississippi is the home state of the father of Southern Baptist Sunday Schools, Arthur Flake, that "it is rather appropriate that a Mississippi church be the first recipient of the Standard recognition."

Otto Wise is the Sunday School director and Gene A. Hendrix, the minister of education at First, Clinton. Bryant Cummings, Mississippi Sunday School director, is a member of the Clinton church.

Hendrix explained to the Baptist Record that the Standard was really a "minimum kind of a thing." He said that many churches could qualify for the Standard. "We just got into it early," he said.

Foci of the Clinton church's efforts were in leadership training, making sure that Sunday School leaders earned leadership diplomas by taking study courses, and basing planning on the growth spiral, a system of anticipating growth.

"The result of that has been regular visitation and outreach," said Hendrix.

Once a church reaches the Standard, "a good foundation has been built to begin reaching more people and teaching more effectively," said Hendrix.

Age group, associational and special education standards also are available as planning, promotion and evaluation tools.



Delise Watts, a student at Oklahoma Baptist University signs the song "It Was His Love," while the rest of the special choir from First Baptist Church, Long Beach, sings. Miss Watts, during the invitation made her first public response to a call into missionary service. (Story and photos by Tim Nicholas)

Margaret Lackey
State Mission Offering
1979

Goal:	\$300,000
Disaster Task Force	\$35,000
Garaywa Operation	\$50,000
Garaywa Improvements	\$35,000
Pastoral Aid	\$9,000
Church Building	\$11,000
New Work	\$100,000
Central Hills	\$60,000

Cooperative Program
Gifts Total \$5,718,498

Cooperative Program gifts for July of \$707,253 from the Churches of the Mississippi Baptist Convention brought receipts for the year thus far to \$5,718,498, according to an announcement by Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

This is \$721,212 more than had been received for missions at this time last year, Kelly said. The month's gifts from the churches were also \$113,655 more than was received for the same month of last year.

The pro rata budget figure for seven months of the year based on the total \$10 million budget would be \$5,833,333. This means that the income is \$114,835 below the budget figure, Kelly pointed out. July ended on Tuesday, however, which made it difficult for many churches to get their month's gifts into the state office following the last Sunday of the Month, he noted.

"Mississippians are continuing to give more than ever before for world-wide, nation-wide, and state-wide missions," he pointed out.

Parks: He's Earned His Spurs As A Cowhand And Missionary

By Leland Webb
GLORIETA, N. M. (BP) — If R. Keith Parks must choose one word to describe himself, it's "missionary."

Involvement in missions has been "the dominant note in my life since God first called me," says the man elected unanimously by the 80-member board to succeed Baker J. Cauthen as executive director of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Parks, 51, is also a former cowboy, jogger, do-it-yourselfer, and a man deeply dedicated to his family.

Parks, who becomes executive director-elect Sept. 3, has been a missionary to Indonesia, has counseled prospective missionaries, has administered missions to Southeast Asia, and has served as one of the top administrators at the Foreign Mission Board offices in Richmond, Va. He will assume full responsibility Jan. 1, 1980, when Cauthen retires.

In 94 Countries

Parks will direct the work of more than 2,900 missionaries in 94 countries and administer an annual budget in excess of \$71 million. His salary will be \$45,000 per year, including housing.

What he says he would most like to do is to inform Southern Baptists about missions needs, so that they can live up to their potential.

"We must underscore some basic concepts," Parks declares. He believes, for example, that communicating the gospel to the entire world is a mandate laid on the churches and on individual Christians, not on the Foreign Mission Board. The board stands "ready to channel all their resources as efficiently and with as great a strategic impact" as possible, he says.

"The Lord is working in some thrilling ways around the world," Parks continues. "There are more 'winnable' people than at any other time in history." In that context, he insists, Southern Baptists "have the potential to be used of God to really make an impact."

"We have not yet been willing to pay

the cost in dollars that it will take," he points out, adding that giving must move to "a new level."

Board members at the session in which Parks was elected seemed moved by the statements offered by both Parks and his wife, Helen Jean, about their personal, spiritual and missions development. Their statements and Parks's response to questions from board members reflected both the serious thoughts and the casual humor that is typical of the couple.

Family Testimony

After the affirmative vote, the entire Parks family appeared before the board. The testimonies of the three sons, daughter and daughter-in-law completed a portrait of a loving close-knit Christian family.

All four children have acknowledged a call to the gospel ministry or to missions. Their decisions, their father reports, have been their own, for he and Mrs. Parks have taken care to avoid unduly influencing their vocational choices. "We just told each of them, 'we want you to follow the Lord's will for your life,'" relates Parks.

Most of his personal activities are family related. Outings as a family and travel together have contributed to their closeness.

Parks jogs up to two miles a day fairly regularly, usually at night. For him, the exercise also provides a quiet period for reflection. He plays tennis and enjoys home repair chores.

A Texan, Parks has been at home on horseback since childhood. His father raised cattle and young Parks soon learned to handle the herds. He wielded a branding iron and otherwise earned his spurs as a working cowboy.

He still recalls the break he took from a busy travel schedule as a missionary personnel secretary, while his father was still living. Parks stopped at home in Arkansas, where the family had moved, and spent most of the day in the saddle, working the herds and helping to dehorn cattle. He calls it one of his most relaxing times.

Approaching his new position, Parks

speaks frankly about change in mission strategy, past and present. The Foreign Mission Board "has been sensitive to change and has changed more than any other organization of any size in Southern Baptist life," he says.

But he also sees the need for "new wineskins, as is true in every generation and in every shift."

He is pledged to the basic approach of career missionaries, for example, but he also struggles with the need to minister to the areas where missionaries are not permitted residence. He points to the need for a "worldwide strategy in terms of those large masses of people where we cannot send career missionaries." With changes in the world coming so rapidly, Parks adds, "We're going to have to develop some alternative strategies."

Parks is devoted to prayer and the Bible. "I have always been committed to the Scripture as the Word of God, a very personal guide to me," he declares. "I accept the whole Bible as being God's revelation to man."

Parks requests continued prayer support, and says the convention's missions outreach will be what God intends "if we mobilize the prayer support of Southern Baptists."

(Leland Webb is managing editor of Commission magazine)



The Foxes



The Gustmans

Two Couples With State Ties Plan Foreign Work

GLORIETA, N. M. — Mr. and Mrs. Ronald P. Gustman were among 34 persons named missionaries by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board at its August meeting at Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Conference Center.

Also appointed with Mississippi ties were Richard and Joan Fox.

The Gustmans will work in Zambia, where he will be a student worker, and she will be a church and home worker. Until recently he was a bus driver for the Fort Worth, Texas, schools, and she was nurse at Medical Plaza Hospital, Fort Worth. He recently received the master of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. They were members of Southcliff Baptist Church, Fort Worth.

Born in Seattle, Wash., Gustman grew up in nearby Renton. He received the bachelor of arts degree from University of Washington, Seattle. Mrs. Gustman, the former Shirley Mohundro of Memphis, Tenn., received the bachelor of arts degree from Blue Mountain (Miss.) College and the bachelor of science degree from Texas Woman's University, Denton. She also attended Memphis State University and Baylor University, Dallas, and received registered nurse standing by examination.

The Gustmans met at Southern Baptist missionary journeymen teaching at Mombasa (Kenya) Baptist High School.

He was also a Baptist Student Union summer missionary in Idaho and BSU

director at University of Idaho, Moscow. She was also a counselor at an interdenominational Christian camp and a secondary teacher in Memphis.

The Foxes will work in Indonesia where he will be a physician and she will be a church and home worker. They are students at New Orleans Seminary and members of Gentilly Baptist Church there.

Before entering seminary, Fox was a staff physician at Mississippi State Hospital, Whitfield. Born in Knoxville, Tenn., he lived in Lewisburg, Tenn., and grew up in Shelbyville, Tenn. He received the bachelor of arts degree from University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and the doctor of medicine degree from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, Nashville, Tenn. He was a resident at University Hospital, Jackson, Miss.

Mrs. Fox, the former Joan Storrs of Nashville, graduated from St. Thomas Hospital School of Nursing, Nashville, and achieved registered nurse standing by examination. She received the bachelor of science degree from Blue Mountain (Miss.) College. She was campus nurse at Blue Mountain, a nurse at St. Thomas Hospital and nursing instructor at University of Tennessee, Nashville.

The Foxes have a son, Martin Lee, born in 1974.

The two families will go to Pine Mountain, Ga., in September for a 14-week orientation before leaving for the field.

Softball Tourney To Begin

The Mississippi Baptist State Softball Tournament gets underway this weekend with eight regional tournaments in eight Mississippi cities.

The men's and women's regionals will take place in Oxford, Tupelo, Greenville, Columbus, Jackson, Meridian, Brookhaven, and Gulfport.

According to Tom Prather, tournament director, from the regionals will be 29 men's teams to go to the state playoffs Aug. 24-25, plus the 1978 defending champions from First Baptist Church, Morton.

The women's tourney will also take place that weekend with 28 women's teams.

Both playoffs will take place in

Jackson at the Veteran's Administration fields, the police training fields, and at Van Winkle Baptist Church.

Prather, who is minister of activities and youth at Jackson's Woodland Hills Baptist Church, says that all the teams have been playing this summer on local leagues.

"Quoted"

Cult Committee: In written testimony before an ad-hoc committee of U.S. Congressmen, James Wood, Jr., said that Baptists view with alarm the possibility of hearings on "cults." Wood, director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, warned the panel that "government is not competent to judge which religious groups are true and which are false, any more than it can measure the adequacy or the acceptability of religious belief."

I say the fellow who keeps himself in shape, who refuses to be discouraged by the bad breaks, who keeps on hustling with the best he has, should make the grade. It is the general average that counts, not the big day or a bad day. — Lou Gehrig



On the podium are Sam Turner and Floyd and Wana Hughes. Before the congregation are Mark and Cathy Spain, Jerry and Joyce Masterson, and Felix and Dene Greer.

Beer-Buying Pastor Takes Stand In Laurel City Court Trial

By Tim Nicholas
Laurel pastor Terry Booth took the witness stand in a packed courtroom last Thursday admitting under oath that he broke the law.

The law that Booth said he broke was in buying a beer on Sunday to prove that stores still violated a Sunday beer sales ban in a new ordinance in the city.

Booth, pastor of Indian Springs Baptist Church, had bought a can of beer in June and had taken it to the police station to swear out a warrant, charging a sales person at O. L. Blue Curb Store with selling the beer illegally.

Though he knew what he was doing was illegal according to the ordinance, Booth, who has been associational Christian Action chairman, said he didn't think he would be prosecuted.

He hasn't been charged yet, but that could still happen.

Just before Booth went under oath, Judge Larry Walters, City Court Judge, warned him that if he made any statements admitting purchase of beer on Sunday in Laurel, he could be charged.

Police Captain Joe Perrett, court clerk, reported to the Baptist Record that the misdemeanor of buying beer on Sunday carries a fine of up to \$500 and/or up to six months in the county jail. The same penalties apply for selling beer. However, the owner of a store caught selling beer in violation of the ordinance would lose his beer selling license.

After Booth pointed out the man he

said sold him the beer, the man's lawyer, Lowell Tew, asked Booth if he believed in law enforcement and if somebody violates the law that he ought to be punished. Booth answered yes to both questions.

Then Tew asked him if he did, indeed, violate the law by purchasing the can of beer. And Booth said that according to the information given him by lawyers the answer was yes.

Tew then said he wanted to swear out a warrant against Booth, filled it out partially, but didn't turn it in to the court.

Then, Thomas Elias, the man named in the warrant as the seller of the beer, took the stand and said that he had never seen Booth before he had shown up with police with his warrant, and that he had never sold him a can of beer.

When the trial was over, Judge Walters had three things to rule on. Tew had moved that the indictment be quashed on three grounds — that the title of the ordinance did not clearly indicate its subject, that there was no statement in the ordinance repealing any old ordinance, and that the county clerk had not properly certified the ordinance.

Tew had also moved that the indictment had not established venue — that no proof had been offered that the beer was actually sold within the city limits of Laurel.

And the third item was in establishing the guilt or innocence of the defendant.

If the judge declines to drop the

charges or to declare the ordinance null, and he finds the defendant guilty, then Booth may have charges brought against him. The judge said he'd make a ruling two weeks later — that would be Aug. 23.

Said Booth, "If it's necessary to charge me to enforce this law, that's just the way it's going to have to be."

New Baptist Student Union Center Is Open At Delta State

The new Baptist Student Union center on the campus of Delta State University begins its first full school year of service this fall.

Completed last spring, the center includes a large multipurpose room for formal meetings, seating 250 or more. There's a conference-rehearsal room for the music and puppet groups in the BSU, a "very adequate semi-commercial" kitchen, large lounge area, and work room for student projects.

In addition there are small conference rooms, a library-conference room, prayer room, and an office for the director and secretary.

Director of the Delta State BSU program, is Jimmy Breland, a veteran of 28 years in student work.

The 8,000 square foot building and 26 car parking lot cost approximately \$300,000.

This is vastly different from what Breland is accustomed to in building space. From 1960-77, the center was a house that could seat about 80 students. Then from 1977-79 all activities were in the school's union building. Breland had an office in a little house with some storage space. "But there was not as much of a scheduling problem as I expected," said Breland. He added that the administration of the school was always helpful and he felt the BSU had a good relationship going with the school.

Of the 2,700 students at Delta State, Breland estimates that between 200 and 300 are involved in BSU in some way. Regular BSU meetings fluctuate from 40 to 50 and on up to 90.

A daily devotional service at noon, primarily student led, brings in 30-50. Thursday evening vespers has up to 40 in attendance.

Ministries of the BSU at Delta State include serving free lemonade to students during fall registration and a group which goes each Monday during the school year to an extended care facility of the Bolivar County Hospital.

A singing group called Trumpet Sound, a puppet team, and share teams of students giving personal testimonies are available at the request of churches. And a campus chapter of Baptist Young Women meets at the center.

Also there are Bible study groups in dormitories with materials provided by the BSU, and the BSU participates in school intramurals with flag football, softball, swimming, and basketball.

Breland guesses the brunt of his time is spent planning the program, taking care of the building and facilities, and "quite a bit of individual counseling."

He says that in his 28 years of student

work, "basically, I don't see any difference in students now, except maybe they are more open with what is done," he says.

The BSU raised nearly \$3,000 for student missions this past year. And in Breland's career, he knows of six persons who have gone from Delta State into student ministries, plus several missionary journeymen, including Ted Holt who has just been appointed.



The Delta State BSU Center.



Jimmy Breland, BSU director, is in the meeting hall.

Bold Missions Rally

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to work in Brazil for a year.

And Mr. and Mrs. John Floyd had given 10 weeks' use of a camper for summer missionary Roy Oates to work in a local campground.

The Lenaz gift, according to Lewis Meyers, multiplied itself before it was spent.

He explained that a story in The Baptist Record of the Lenaz' giving the money for Pam Murphy to go to Brazil

for 24 others for a year's service among college students, was read by a young man who decided to go.

He, Roy Moore, had been working on an oil rig in the Gulf of Mexico and his father had sent him The Baptist Record. He was inspired by the gift and the service anticipated by the volunteers and quit his job and applied to go with them.

Moore is now in Brazil with the other Mission Service Corps volunteers.

Missionary Tax Relief Is Possible

WASHINGTON (BP) — Chances for the success of legislative attempts to end double taxation for many missionaries and other charitable workers in foreign countries increased substantially with the introduction of a bill by Sen. John H. Chafee, R-R.I., which is co-sponsored by Sen. Russell B. Long, D-La., powerful chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.

Chafee's bill, S. 1703, is given a high probability of moving rapidly through the finance committee when Congress returns from its August recess. A spokesman for the SBC Foreign Mission Board said that Long has been receiving a heavy volume of mail on the subject from his home state. Some letters included a copy of an editorial written by Lynn Clayton of the Louisiana Baptist Message supporting such a measure.

A finance committee staffer said that no committee action has been scheduled on the bill since it was introduced the last day the Senate was in session before the summer recess. She also said, however, that Long's influence "would undoubtedly affect" the speed of the measure's movement through the sometimes lengthy hearing process.

Sen. Thad Cochran, R-Miss., who earlier introduced S. 1372 which is nearly identical to S. 1703, is also a co-sponsor of Chafee's bill.

Chafee said that he was introducing his bill to correct a "mistake" in last year's Foreign Earned Income Act. He said the law passed last year resolved some problems relating to Americans working abroad but "increased federal income taxes severely for the overseas employees of charitable organizations."

The Foreign Mission Board has endorsed efforts by Congress to allow employees of charitable organizations working overseas to claim the \$20,000 income tax exclusion now available only to corporate employees working in remote camps.

Identical legislation has been introduced in the House of Representatives by Rep. David R. Bowen, D-Miss.

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Abel, Kirkpatrick To Direct Student Unions

Baptist Student Union directors have been named to two junior colleges in the state by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's executive committee.



Abel Kirkpatrick

Bill Kirkpatrick 28, has been named to Pearl River Junior College at Poplarville. And Edwin Abel 32, will work at Southwest Junior College at Summit.

Kirkpatrick replaces Lloyd Luncford who has become associate director of the department of student work in the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Jerry Merriman is director.

Abel replaces Mrs. W. H. Soape, who

was killed last year along with her husband in an automobile-train collision.

Kirkpatrick, a native of Dallas, Tex., is a graduate of Dallas Baptist College and earned the master of divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth. He also attended Baylor University.

Married to Patricia O'Quinn Kirkpatrick, a native of Jackson, Miss., who holds the master of religious education degree from Southwestern, Kirkpatrick comes to Mississippi from the pastorate of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Lufkin, Tex., where he has served since March, 1977.

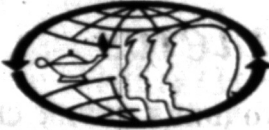
Abel, a Belzoni, Miss., native, is a graduate of Mississippi State University and earned both the master of divinity and master of religious education degrees from New Orleans Seminary.

Married to Anne Middleboro Abel, Chattahoochee, Fla., he comes to Mississippi from Park Place Baptist Church, Hot Springs, Ark., where he has been minister of education.

Brotherhood

Training Conferences Planned For Sept. 4, 6

The Brotherhood Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board will host leadership training conferences in nine areas of the state September 4 and 6.



The purpose of the conferences will be to train Brotherhood leadership in involving members in missions. "A church must have trained and committed leadership if it is to effectively involve its men and boys in missions through Brotherhood," said Paul Harrell, director of Mississippi's Brotherhood Department.

Conferences will be held September 4 at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Senatobia; First Baptist Church, New Albany; First Baptist Church, Greenwood; and First Baptist Church, Starkville.

On September 6, the conferences, also beginning at 7 p.m., will be held at First Baptist Church, Gulfport; First Baptist Church, Brookhaven; Temple Baptist Church, Hattiesburg; First Baptist Church, Newton; and First Baptist Church, Clinton.

"We encourage all Brotherhood leadership to attend," said Harrell. Conferences for Brotherhood directors, Baptist Men's officers, and Royal Ambassador directors will be held in each location, Harrell added.

RA Day To Be At Mississippi College

Royal Ambassador Day is Sept. 22 at Mississippi College. This is the first such event, designed for boys in grades 1-12 (and their leaders) to come together for inspiration and fellowship.

The program features testimony by Mississippi College football coach John Williams, and players Jimmy Price and John Gibson. There will be a pep rally led by MC cheerleaders, lunch, and the afternoon will feature a football game between Mississippi College and Southern Arkansas.

Registration begins at 10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 22 in the college's Nelson Hall. At 10:30, the group will meet the President, Lewis Nobles. Then are the testimonies, pep rally, lunch and the football game. The game begins at 2 p.m.

Williams, besides being head football coach, is also MC's athletic director. A former coach in Magee and Biloxi, his 15 years of high school coaching brought his teams a record of



Price



Gibson

103 won, 21 lost, and 5 tied. Jimmy Price is a 6'1", 220 lb., center from Picayune. He is a business major and is active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Baptist Student Union.

John Frank Gibson at 5'10", 180 lbs., is a defensive back from Macon, Ga., a history major and member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Baptist Student Union.

Cost of Royal Ambassador Day will be \$5 per person, which includes lunch, admission to the game, and insurance.

Pre-registration is due by Sept. 18. Make checks payable to the Brotherhood Department. Leaders should write: Brotherhood Department, Royal Ambassador Day, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205.

Practicing Before 40 Million

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP) — Preaching students from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary will appear on national television this fall on a segment of the CBS news program "60 Minutes."

Crews from CBS spent two days in June on the campus filming students in class for use in a segment on reporters who review worship services. Paul Lowen-walker, producer, said he chose Southwestern because of the course it offered in preaching.

"We were looking for an illustration of how ministers are trained," he said. Preaching students are videotaped by the seminary while their peers complete evaluation forms on the sermon. Later, they view the tape after looking at the critiques. The process also includes group discussion about the effort. Dana Terry Land and David Hankins are the two students whose sermons were filmed.

The segment involves interviews with reporters in Cleveland, Ohio, who review worship services, footage of services at Lakewood Assembly of God Church and the First Baptist Church of Dallas, as well as the Southwestern portion.

House Moves To Block IRS Private School Regulation

WASHINGTON (BP) — By a margin of nearly 5-1, the U. S. House of Representatives passed an amendment to the Treasury-Postal Service Appropriations bill which would have the effect of stopping an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) procedure threatening private school tax exemption because of alleged racial discrimination.

The IRS issued a proposed revenue procedure Aug. 22, 1978, which aroused the anger of private and religious elementary and secondary

schools because it called for quotas of minority students and staff. Four days of hearing before the IRS in December were followed by hearings in both the House and Senate this year.

The amendment accepted by the House would "prohibit the use of appropriated funds to formulate or carry out any rule or policy which would cause the loss of tax-exempt status to private, religious, or church-operated schools unless in effect prior to Aug. 22, 1978." The vote was 297-63.

Mississippi Baptist Activities

Aug. 20 Church Growth Conference, Calvary Baptist Church, Tupelo, 7:00-9:00 p.m. (SS/EVAN)
Aug. 20-23 WMU Camp and Camp Extension Meeting, Camp Garaywa, Clinton
20-7:00-9:00 p.m.
21-9:45 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
22-9:45 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
23-9:45 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Aug. 21 Church Growth Conference, North Greenwood, Greenwood, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Aug. 23 Church Growth Conference, Highland Church, Meridian, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Aug. 25 Associational Officers' Training Conferences, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. (PD)
FBC, Oxford
FBC, Columbia
FBC, Carthage



The event resembled a large family reunion as members from eight Baptist churches in Marshall Association (Red Banks, Salem, Carey Chapel, First, Holly Springs, Mt. Moriah, Byhalia, Stayden and Mt. Pleasant) gathered with children and staff on the Farrow Manor Campus near Independence.

Marshall Baptists Host Event At Farrow Manor

Eight churches in Marshall Association recently sponsored an all-day picnic for the children and staff of the Farrow Manor Campus of the Baptist Children's Village.

Approximately 100 church members, bringing food and drinks for the picnic, as well as school supplies for the children, attended the event.

Leading in group activities for the day was Ricky Martin, youth director of Stayden Baptist Church. Harvey Scott, pastor of Salem Baptist Church, served as chief cook.

The project, which was organized by the WMU of Marshall Association, may become an annual event. WMU leadership involved in the coordination of the day were: Shirley Norman, Sallie Rhea Brewer, Gayle Lynn Anderson, Arleeva Bumpas, Doris Smith, Marty Scott, and Nancy Hutchens.



Ricky Martin, leads in group singing after the picnic.

Graffiti Center—Writing Love On Lower East Side

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recreation unit self-contained in a shopping cart. The cart is a stage for puppet shows, and with tables strapped to its sides, is a games, arts and crafts center.

The girls held girls' club on Tuesday. Scout night was Thursday. Twice a week Norman hauled a weight set down to a store front where guys wandered in to show off and test themselves. Patti and Sharon helped several little girls in reading skills and everyone strived for lots of "contact time," an essential ingredient to establish trust relationships.

"They don't think you can relate to them because you come from a better situation and are returning to it," Daugherty says. "They think because you have money you have everything. We tell them the basic needs of everybody are the same, that Christ came realizing money wasn't enough."

Those who inhabit New York's lower east side have the same problems as people everywhere, the summer missionaries found out. But the press of people and the constant closeness and crowded living conditions make them more intense. The verbal exchanges between pedestrians and taxi drivers as they both fight for the same space between stoplights; the stereotypes of rude waitresses and an unseeing mass of dimwitted zombies flowing down the sidewalks like rivers of mud are all responses of people trying to carve a niche through the frustration of high density living.

The tension is great. Bruce Schoonmaker, Southern Baptist home missionary who heads Graffiti Center, tries to escape the asphalt and brick with a trip to the beach or country at least once a month with his wife, Nancy. If they don't, the tension of heat, long lines, poor services, noise and crowds builds up.

It's hard on marriages, Bruce says. When the inner city burns them out, they'll have to leave the ministry to a fresh couple.

People spend a lot of time on the streets in the evening, to mingle and escape the heat of stuffy apartments. Building stoops become congregating places and Schoonmaker picked a favorite as a pulpit for his weekly Bible study.

"What we're doing is getting to know them and letting them know us, showing the fullness of life Christ offers," says Schoonmaker, a graduate of Union Theological Seminary in New

York. "This is not a short term, high return investment. We're here to stay a good long time."

"More and more, this is the kind of ministry the church must get into. A much easier thing is to stand on the corner and proclaim and then go somewhere else to live. It's harder to be here to provide services, both physical and spiritual, that people have to have."

Lillian, a mother who wandered into Kip and Norman's open door — "we're all one big family" — said she trusts her children with Schoonmaker. "When you trust a person with your kids, hey, that's trust," she says. "And that's hard to get around here."

"God suffers when his people suffer," Schoonmaker says, revealing the philosophy behind his ministry. "When buildings are without heat in winter, He's cold too. It all goes together, though our history has been to emphasize the spiritual and neglect the physical, saying 'God will provide that.'"

Schoonmaker occasionally feels isolated. "I don't see the church being the vital center of people's lives in the city," he says. "That makes our work very important. People aren't involved enough in other people's lives. They need to be in there struggling more."

Although his efforts fall under the "Christian Social Ministries" section of the Home Mission Board, Schoonmaker doesn't like the fragmentation of the Christian life represented by a "section" for social action. It's all one. All Christians are called to social action he feels. Being a Christian by its very meaning requires involvement in other lives.

"This kind of thing needs to be happening everywhere," Schoonmaker explains. "There's all these people around who have needs both social and spiritual. Sometimes you need to meet the social needs before you can meet the spiritual needs."

The people at Graffiti Center are doing it. "Give them an 'A,' they deserve it," says Lillian.

(Norman Jameson is BP feature editor.)

When a man wants to murder a tiger he calls it sport: when the tiger wants to murder him he calls it ferocity. — George Bernard Shaw (Maxims for Revolutionists)

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Baptist Women To Hear Christenson And Lee

October 12-14 is the date of the Baptist Women's Retreat to be held at Camp Garaywa, Clinton. The event, sponsored by the Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union, will begin Friday at 6 p.m. and conclude at noon on Saturday.



Christenson



Lee

Included in the list of featured speakers are Lou Ann Lee, missionary to France and Evelyn Christenson, noted author and prayer seminar leader.

Mrs. Lee, who serves as a mis-

sionary in Paris, France with her husband Hal, is a graduate of Mississippi College. She serves as president of the Woman's Missionary Union of the European Baptist Convention.

Mrs. Christenson, who lives in St. Paul, Minn., has conducted prayer seminars and retreats, and serves as chairman of the board of United Prayer Ministries. She will be teaching her book "What Happens When Women Pray."

Mrs. Martha Haggan, missionary to the Indians in Mississippi and Laura Fry, national consultant for women with the Home Mission Board, will also be featured at the 3-day retreat.

Cost for the retreat is \$24.00. Full payment must accompany each registration. For persons who wish to come for Saturday only, the cost will be \$5.00, including lunch. Registrations must be made before October 8 and mailed to Ethel McKeithen, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.

Growth Management Conference Sept. 10-12

A conference designed to help pastors manage church growth will be held in Jackson September 10-12.

Sponsored by the church administration - pastoral ministries department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, the conference will be held in the Baptist Building.

"This conference is designed to help the pastor of all churches in developing his leadership style, planning for church growth and change, and leading the church to develop a growth philosophy," said Leon Emery, director of the church administration-pastoral ministries

department. Bruce Grubbs, consultant in church administration with the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, will be featured at the conference. He will be leading in sessions dealing with pastoral leadership and authority, as well as church management.

Grubbs, who holds a doctorate in organizational management and development from Vanderbilt University, served the Bellevue Baptist Church in Nashville as pastor before joining the staff of the Sunday School Board in 1976.

Cost for the conference is \$3 (to cover cost of materials). Registration information can be obtained from the church administration-pastoral ministries department.

Carter Meets, Prays With New SBC Leaders

WASHINGTON (BP) — President Carter met with new Southern Baptist leaders and led them in prayer during a 15-minute meeting at the White House August 8.

The president invited new SBC officials Harold C. Bennett, Adrian Rogers, Abner V. McCall, and Don A. Touchton to the get-acquainted session. Also in attendance were Rosalynn Carter, the four SBC leaders' wives, and the Rogers' daughter, Janice.

Besides meeting with Carter, the group received an extensive briefing on domestic issues by a presidential aide and were briefed on SALT II by a state department official.

Both Bennett, new executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee, and SBC First Vice President McCall said the Southern Baptist group commended Carter for his effort to share his Christian faith with South Korean President Park Chung Hee during a recent visit to Korea. They also mentioned an incident recently in Bardonia, Ky., during a presidential political trip when Carter spoke of his faith in public statement.

SBC Second Vice President Touchton, commenting on the president's request to lead the group in prayer, said he was "very moved" by the experience. "I was very much impressed with him as a man," Touchton said, even though he said he does not always agree with the president on issues. The domestic briefing preceding the meeting with Carter "settled a lot of questions" he had, Touchton re-

ported. Mrs. Carter, who delayed her departure to Ecuador on an official visit long enough to put in an appearance at the oval office meeting, came in for special accolades by the Southern Baptist leaders.

In addition to the round of White House meetings, the group was also hosted at a luncheon by leaders of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention, to which representatives of the Baptist General Association of Virginia, the Mount Vernon (Va.) Baptist Association, the Baptist World Alliance, and the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs were also invited.

Knox Named By Home Board

Marv Knox, a reporter on the Abilene (Texas) Reporter-News, has been named assistant news editor at the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Knox, 22, replaces Judy Touchton who resigned to attend graduate school at the University of Missouri. Touchton, a Home Mission Board employee nine years, has been assistant news editor for two-and-a-half years.

Knox, a 1979 graduate of Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, will assist news editor Dan Martin in preparing news releases, features and photo-features on the work and personnel of the Home Mission Board.

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Editorials

Leadership Changes . . .

Best Wishes To Old And New

Suddenly some of the familiar faces and names of the Southern Baptist Convention are about to pass off of the scene or have done so already, and new names and faces will be commanding our attention. Perhaps there was never a time when there were so many changes taking place in Southern Baptist leadership as right now.

Last week and this week the Baptist Record has accounts of the election of the new executive director-elect of the Foreign Mission Board. He is Keith Parks, a man of experience in all phases of the Foreign Mission Board's operation.

A few days ago we had the story of the election of Jim Smith as executive director of the Brotherhood Commission. He has been executive secretary in Illinois.

On Aug. 1 Harold Bennett became the new Executive Secretary-treasurer for the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. He had been executive secretary in Florida until April 1.

To each of these newly elected executives we surely would join in a chorus of congratulations and best wishes. And we must add to those sincere phrases one that would be even more meaningful — God be with you; we will pray for you.

These are all fine men. Harold Bennett I have known the longest. He was my parents' pastor at Beech Street Baptist Church in Texarkana, Ark., and they were highly appreciative of him and his work. Through the years they kept in touch with Harold and Phyllis and thrilled at their success in Kingdom endeavor. I first knew Harold then and later had opportunity of a closer relationship when he became a staff member for the Executive Board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, and I was on the staff of the Baptist Standard. Ours has been a cordial friendship across all of these years.

Genuine Affection

I heard the name of Keith Parks long before I knew him, for we are both natives of Texas. Gradually the name and the face were put together after he became an area secretary for the Foreign Mission Board, and I was interested as he became director of the Mission Support Division of the board. I have heard him speak and marvelled at his compassion and sensitivity. In the past few years our paths have crossed more and more, and I have developed a genuine affection for him. I was delighted as he was chosen to lead the Foreign Mission Board.

Jim Smith I have not known as well. I have met him during annual meetings of editors and executive secretaries and have always been impressed with his sincerity. I have known him best as a speaker; and as I have listened, I have been highly impressed.

Without Missing A Beat

From what I know of these three men, and it is substantial on two of them, I feel it should be said that the work of the Southern Baptist Convention will move right along without missing a beat. And if there is an opportunity to do so, it will even pick up the pace a little.

But what of the men who have been replaced. They were all giants among us. One of them, Glendon McCullough of the Brotherhood Commission, died an untimely death and never got to complete the work that he was capable of.

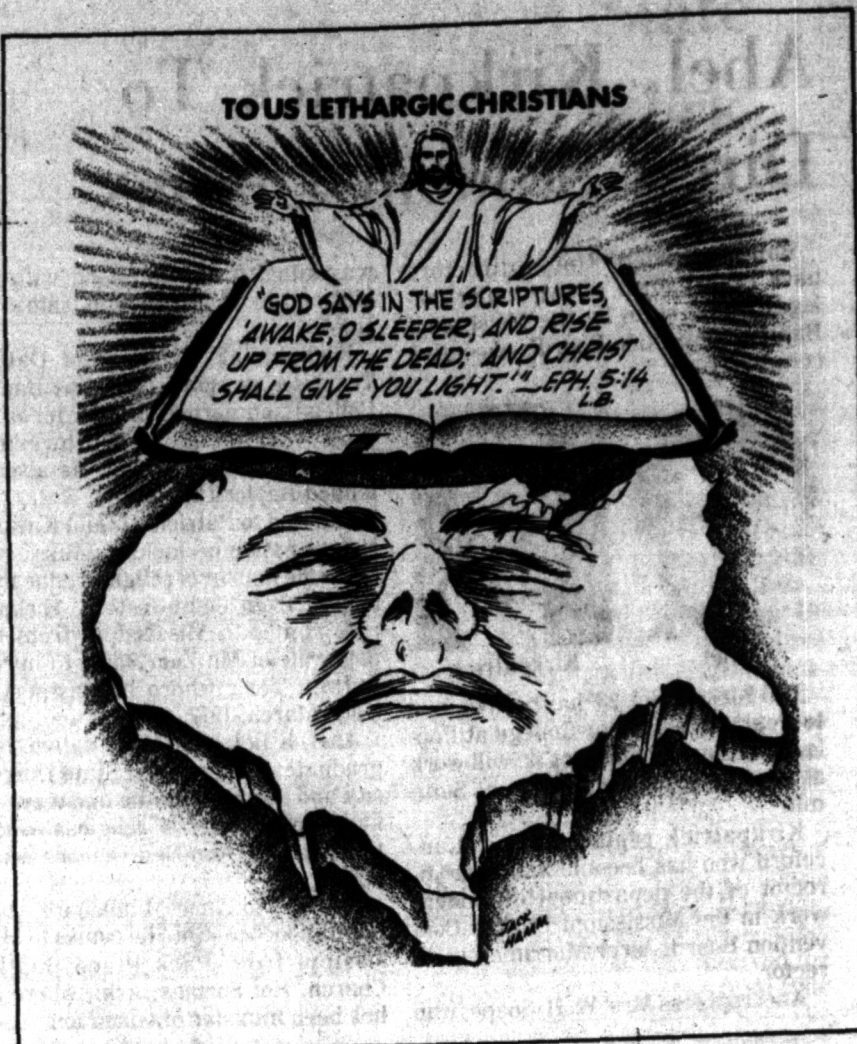
The other two have become almost legendary. Porter Routh retired July 31 as executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee, a post he filled for 28 years. As much as I admire Harold Bennett, it will seem strange for someone other than Porter Routh to be the executive secretary, for he has held that position almost as

long as I have been aware of it. He has done a masterful job; and as he passes from the scene of active service, we surely wish him the very best. We hope he will continue to be around with his warm and friendly spirit. He has been a fixture at the conventions and the Executive Committee meetings, and he will be missed.

Baker James Cauthen, who will retire Dec. 31 as executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, perhaps has captured the imagination and the emotions of Southern Baptists as no one else ever has. He has held his executive secretary post for 26 years, and again it will seem strange for awhile to have someone else there. Who can forget Dr. Cauthen's soul-stirring messages during foreign mission nights at the conventions. There was no one quite like him. And surely we wish him Godspeed as he will enter retirement shortly.

But these men have completed the work that the Lord had cut out for them. And He has chosen three others to step into the tasks. They will do as well. They will become as well known. The work will flourish under their leadership.

That is the way the Lord works. Praise the Lord. — DTM



Letter To The Editor

Argue And Debate

Editor:

Since when did Southern Baptists have to argue and debate about whether we are or are not conservative? Webster defines conservative as "traditional."

Do Southern Baptists believe the Bible to be the Word of God or just to contain the Word of God? Is it the Holy

Word from Genesis to Revelation, are the miracles real, can we believe it and preach/teach it and live by it without fears of contradictions, errors, etc? I say "yes" we can.

I graduated from Mississippi College and my first pastorate was in Yazoo City.

David E. Shofner, Pastor
West Pensacola Baptist Church
Pensacola, Fla.

Book Reviews

ISRAEL'S FINAL HOLOCAUST

by Jack Van Impe and Roger F. Campbell (Thomas Nelson, 173 pp., \$6.95) The story of the Jewish people (Israel) through their history, but with most of book given to modern times and especially this century. The return of the Jews to Palestine, the terrible persecutions of Hitler and others, the establishment of the Jewish state, the wars for independence and survival, all are discussed. The author sees all of this as a fulfillment of prophecies of Moses, Isaiah, Ezekiel, Daniel and others. He also discusses what he sees as yet to be fulfilled prophecies, and chapters tell of what is yet to happen to Jews under the Antichrist, the turning of many Jews to Christ and becoming evangelists during the Tribulation period, the coming attack by Russia and her allies, Armageddon, and the Millennial Kingdom. This is a clear presentation of the Premillennial view of Bible prophecy concerning Israel. Van Impe is a Baptist evangelist from Michigan.

WONDERS NEVER CEASE

by Lydia Bukshazen (Emmanuel Press, 225 pp.) This is a sequel to *THEY LOOKED FOR A CITY*. Lydia and her late husband, Victor, Hebrew Christians, came to the United States from Europe during World War II. She was from England. Born in Poland, he narrowly escaped Hitler's gas chambers; many of his family members died there. Together the two survived the bombing raids of London. This autobiography tells of their harrowing journey to the U.S. on a Polish ship in the midst of submarines and storms. It relates some of the experiences of their 35 years in the United States while he was executive secretary of the Friends of Israel Missionary and Relief Society with offices in Philadelphia. It is a remarkably interesting book.

FROM THE MOUNTAINS OF L'ABRI

by Betty Carlson with introduction by Edith Schaeffer (Good News Publishers, paper, \$3.95, 204 pp.) Compiled over 15 years from letters to "dear friends," Betty Carlson wrote this engaging book. With her usual joy, humor, and spiritual insight, she offers a look into the life of L'Abri, the Christian community in the village of Huemmoz in the Swiss Alps. Betty lives in a tiny chalet in the L'Abri community. These sketches, illustrated with some of her own drawings, tell about the chickens that bought an organ, about the problems of bathing in a frozen bath tub, about the L'Abri chapel consumed in flames. In all her experiences, good and bad, Betty encounters the personal presence of God. She shares the essence of this encounter with her readers.

THE BIBLE JESUS READ IS EXCITING

by Thomas S. McCall and Zola Levitt (Doubleday, 213 pp., \$3.95) A fresh approach to the Old Testament, the Bible which Jesus used. Briefly surveys the whole Old Testament, with attention called to prophecies which many believe relate to the end time of the world. Part two of the book discusses "The Leading Character and the Hidden Plot," revealing the prophecies concerning Christ, and God's plan of redemption for the world. A chapter on types and shadows of Christ in the O.T. is of special interest.

FOUNDATIONS OF BIBLICAL FAITH

by James T. Draper, Jr. (Broadman, 191 pp., \$7.95) Studies of great Bible doctrines, presented from the conservative point of view. Nineteen messages, prepared for the average reader and Bible student, and not for the scholar (yet the author's scholarship is seen in the presentation). The author believes that the Bible is the infallible, verbally inspired Word of God, and that it reveals the great truths of doctrines. Subjects include God, the Holy Spirit, Christ, Man, Satan, the Church, Heaven, Hell, Salvation, Security, Judgment, the Second Coming, and other great truths. The author is one of the widely known Texas Baptist pastors of our day.

A FACE FOR ME

by Debbie Diane Fox with Jean Libman Block (Fleming H. Revell, 197 pp., \$7.95) Debbie Fox was born with 50 physical abnormalities. Her right hand was not a hand. Her face was so disfigured it could not be called a face, but her IQ was 120. At age 22 she had had 57 separate surgical operations and because of them now has an acceptable face. This book is the story of Debbie's courage and her faith in God as she struggled with her terrible handicaps. It represents hope for hundreds of others who are born with deformities.

WITNESS TO THE WORLD

by Porter Routh (Convention Press, paper, \$6 pp., Church Study Course) This is a good little book to have in any Baptist's library. It explains and defines Bold Mission Thrust, and discusses the Christian's responsibility to be a witness to the world. One chapter gives the history of the Cooperative Program and another tells "the continuing story" of the Cooperative Program. The author retires this year after having been executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee since 1951.

State Missions . . .

The Praying And The Giving

A goal of \$300,000 has been established for the Margaret Lackey State Mission Offering for this year, and there is a no more worthy cause for which money will be given. Every penny of the offering will be used in some way to enhance witnessing to people.

Young People

Efforts are primarily at young people will take the largest share of the offering — \$145,000. This is broken down into the operations budget at Camp Garaywa — \$50,000; improvements for Garaywa — \$35,000; and for Central Hills Baptist Retreat — \$60,000. Camp Garaywa has been in operations for many years, and the impact the ministry there has had on

young lives is well known. Central Hills Baptist Retreat is just getting under way with a new area of ministry. This summer every RA camp has been filled to capacity, and additional time had to be allocated. Through the years ahead many young boys will find Christ as a way of life during a week among those hills.

The largest single allocation from the state mission offering will be the \$100,000 going to new work. This fund enables the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board in conjunction with the local associations to buy new sites for churches before the need arises and before the cost of the land becomes much higher. This does a great deal to get a new church off to a good start and

means much to the ministry of such a church through all the years of its life. The work of these new churches will be to minister to the people who live in the communities in which they will be located. So the new work allocation is very definitely a person-centered area.

Pastoral Aid

Pastoral aid will get \$9,000 of the state mission offering, and this will allow some pastors to spend full-time in helping a church to grow and in ministering in the community when otherwise it might not be possible. While bivocational pastors are a very valuable necessity, each of them would say their ministry would be greater if they didn't have to work.

The other figure in the goal is \$11,000 for church building. This fund will aid established churches that have sustained building losses in some way.

Pastors, promote the state mission offering with all your might and ingenuity. Members, don't fail to give generously. This offering is just as important as any one will be taken. Let's make it worthwhile.

The week of prayer for state missions is Sept. 9-15, and prayer is even more a necessity for effective missions work than money. The week of prayer and the offering are promoted by the Woman's Missionary Union. Everyone in the church, however, must be involved in the praying and the giving.

Wrapup and Analysis

Court Steers Middle Course In Church-State Decisions

By Stan L. Hastey

WASHINGTON (BP) — The U. S. Supreme Court steered a middle course in actions dealing with church-state relations in its most recent term.

Although no discernible trend affecting the broad scope of church-state relations could be detected, the justices were forced to consider numerous cases involving actual or alleged interference by government in religion.

IN CHURCH PROPERTY: The high court ruled by the barest 5-4 margin that civil courts are not always obligated to defer to the decisions of church courts in settling local church property disputes.

The five-man majority concluded that state courts may decide which faction of a divided congregation may lay claim to the disputed property rights in hierarchical denominations. The court has never taken on a case involving the settling of a property dispute in a congregational-type denomination.

Despite the ruling, the court fell short of awarding the property of the Vineville Presbyterian Church in Macon, Ga., to the majority faction of the congregation, which voted six years ago to withdraw from the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. Instead, it sent the case back to Georgia courts, which must now determine if Presbyterian church polity mandates that the property go instead to the congregation's "loyal" minority which voted to stay in the denomination.

Only days earlier the court refused once again to permit civil courts to settle a longstanding dispute in the Serbian Eastern Orthodox Church and sent it back to the Illinois Supreme Court. The case was rooted in the de-frocking of Bishop Dionisije Milivojevic 16 years ago by the parent church body in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, and a subsequent dispute over who owns church property in this country and Canada, the area over which Dionisije ruled.

The actions remanding to lower courts questions of law it could have decided itself, in both the Vineville and Serbian Orthodox cases, exemplify one of the most frequent criticisms of the present high court. Although Chief Justice Warren E. Burger complains frequently about the overload of cases in the federal judiciary and despite his

unprecedented actions in lobbying Congress for more federal judgeships and a streamlined judiciary, the court headed by Burger continues to remand case after case which it could have settled finally. As it is, the Vineville case in virtually certain to be back on the court docket after the Georgia courts make rulings based on the Supreme Court ruling.

IN LABOR RELATIONS: A 5-4 ruling by the court in the term's other major church-state case, National Labor Relations Board vs. Catholic Bishop of Chicago, represented a victory of sorts for proponents of separation of church and state.

The slim majority held that the National Labor Relations Board may not force administrators of nonpublic school systems to allow their lay teachers to unionize. Surprisingly, the majority was headed by the chief justice, who wrote the opinion. Justice William J. Brennan Jr. dissented, joined among others by Justice Thurgood Marshall, both liberal stalwarts on the court who can almost always be counted on to support church-state separation.

Brennan's dissent may be explained at least in part by his criticism of the majority for avoiding the underlying First Amendment question that NLRB jurisdiction over union activities in parochial schools violates the no-establishment clause. "While the resolution of the constitutional question is not without difficulty," he wrote, "it is irresponsible to avoid it by a cavalier exercise in statutory interpretation which succeeds only in defying congressional intent."

In a unanimous ruling involving the rights of workers in hospitals operated by religious denominations, the court held that such workers may be solicited for union membership in public areas of the hospital but not in patient rooms and in corridors and sitting

Numerous church-state observers are convinced that the increasing tendency of executive branch agencies to issue regulations encompassing churches and church institutions constitutes the dominant trend in current church-state relations. Church opponents of such intrusion had reason for both cheer and concern in decisions and other actions of the Supreme Court last term.

rooms on floors with patient rooms or operating and therapy rooms. Baptist Hospital of Nashville, Tenn., was ordered to revoke its absolute ban on all union solicitation within the hospital.

IN LIABILITY: In a little-publicized action last October which may have widespread implications on the liability of church-related homes for children and the aging, the high court declined to hear arguments that an agency of the United Methodist Church should not be included in a California suit against a group of Methodist-related homes for the aged.

The court's refusal to schedule the case for argument left in place the decision of a California state court that an agency of a denomination may stand trial in a liability suit for the actions of an institution bearing its name but over which it has no control.

The problem was precipitated last year when some 150 residents of Pacific Homes filed suit against the corporation, the general council on finance and administration of the United Methodist Church, and the United Methodist Church itself. Both the general council and the denomination sought release from the \$400 million suits, arguing that the denomination has no financial liability for corporations such as Pacific Homes.

IN STATE HEALTH AND SAFETY REGULATIONS: The justices twice upheld the right of states to impose certain health and safety regulations upon church groups and to allow church agencies to assist states in placing young children.

In a highly-publicized Texas case, the court denied a petition by Lester L. Roloff, an evangelist who argued that several child care facilities he operates should not be subject to state laws regulating such homes.

The court rejected the contention of a Colorado man that the state violated the First Amendment by contracting a

Roman Catholic social agency to make the recommendation as to the custody of his two children.

IN RELIGION IN PUBLIC LIFE:

Atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair failed to convince the justices to hear her challenge to the use of the motto "In God We Trust" on U. S. coins and currency.

The court likewise refused to hear a case challenging Florida's law requiring school teachers "to inculcate . . . the practice of every Christian virtue." Also at issue in the case was a challenge to the distribution of Bibles on school premises by the Gideons.

IN STATE AID TO NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS:

In a clear victory for separatists, the court summarily affirmed two lower federal courts in outlawing New Jersey's tax deduction provision for parents of students enrolled in nonpublic schools.

IN SECTS: In another area of church-state relations which promises considerable litigation in the foreseeable future, the court affirmed a lower federal court ruling that U.S. customs officials did not violate the rights of members of the Church of Scientology by opening and inspecting boxes of church materials flown from London to this country.

The court also declined another Scientology case, this one from Missouri, in which the church contested a decision by the state supreme court that the church is not exempt from property taxes because its properties are not used exclusively for religious worship. The state court also held that Scientology is really nothing more than an applied philosophy rather than a religion involving the worship of a supreme being.

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Simpson County Group Works In California

A mission group of seventeen members from Simpson Association recently spent a week in Sacramento, California, constructing a church building.

Work began July 17 on the site where a slab had been poured by members of the Emmanuel Baptist Church. Each day, the men began work at 6 a.m. and continued until the afternoon temperatures hit 105 degrees F.

The five women who made the trip assisted with Vacation Bible School each morning.

Four worship services were conducted by the group at the Emmanuel Baptist Church. Visitation teams composed of members of the group and church members visited throughout the community.



Men from Simpson Association erect wall of church.



Members of the mission group are (left to right) — Row 1: Mrs. Mary Breland, Ivan Colson, Mrs. Juanita Schilling, H. Glenn Schilling, coordinator, Eric Colson. Row 2: Gary Breland, Mrs. Ann Sullivan, Ray Hodges, Mrs. Barbara Colson, Glen Yates, Mrs. H. elon Henderson, Gary Strehlow, Al Styron. Row 3: Cary Sullivan, Shelby Colson, Damon Colson, W. J. Henderson.

Congressman, Baptist Find Common Ground

By David Wilkinson

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — A U. S. congressman and a Southern Baptist official who have taken conflicting stances in the battle over major broadcast legislation found common ground recently.

Both U. S. Rep. Lionel Van Deerlin, D-Calif., sponsor of a controversial bill that would deregulate the broadcasting industry, and Christian Life Commission spokesman Harry N. Hollis Jr., an outspoken opponent of the bill, agree that now is the crucial time for the American public to be heard on the issue.

Speaking in Atlanta recently, Van Deerlin called upon public interest groups to express their opinions before final revisions are made on H.R. 3333, an overhauled version of a rewrite of the Communications Act of 1934 that Van Deerlin originally introduced more than a year ago.

"If they (public interest groups) are as genuinely interested in the public's interest as they claim to be, they will turn off the rhetoric and turn on some specific legislative language — realistic language," he said.

Hollis, who has testified before Senate and House subcommittees on legislation related to the Communications Act, urged Southern Baptists to respond to Van Deerlin's challenge.

"The broadcast industry," he claimed, "is working night and day to make certain Congress hears its plea for deregulation. It is essential that Congress hear also from Southern Baptists and others who are concerned about the moral quality of television. This may be the best chance we will ever have to affect television broadcasting."

Southern Baptists and others, Hollis said, should communicate their views to Van Deerlin and U. S. Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., chairman of a Senate subcommittee considering several other broadcast bills, as well as to their own legislators.

"Ask them," Hollis said, "to vote 'yes' for the public interest and 'no' on deregulation. Deregulation may be the dream of the broadcast industry, but it could prove to be a moral nightmare for the American people."

Just For The Record

Three Mississippi students participated this summer in the President's Honors Scholarship program at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Kevin Shearer of William Carey College and Duane McKinney and James Kinsey of Mississippi College, attended regular classes at the seminary. College juniors who are chosen for the program are selected by their college faculty on the basis of academic achievement, leadership, and commitment to Christian ministry.

Gloria Ladner who recently became minister of music at Heidelberg Baptist Church, was honored by the church with a reception July 15. Mrs. Ladner comes to Heidelberg from the Lawn Haven Baptist Church in Laurel where she served for four years.

Grady Nutt, popular Christian humorist, will be seen weekly on the television show "Hee Haw," starting with the new season in September.

Nutt, who served churches in Texas and Kentucky before becoming a fulltime entertainer, uses the church as a key source for his humor. "It has always been an important part of my life and I am deeply committed. My association with the church has provided me with both inspiration and fun," Nutt says.

Iva Jewel Tucker has resigned from the staff of Woman's Missionary Union where she was editor of *Aware* and *Discovery* magazines.

An alumna of Samford University, Tucker will do freelance editing and writing from her home in Birmingham.



RALPH B. WINDERS (left), former director of the department of student work, was honored during the Southern Baptist Convention by the State Baptist Student Directors Association. The plaque, presented by Sam Fort, president of the organization, commemorates Winders' 35 years of student work, 13 of which were spent in Virginia with the remaining 22 spent in Mississippi.

Goodrum Baptist Church, Vicksburg, will host a Bible conference August 20-24. Glen Wright of Vicksburg and Benny Massey of Manila, Arkansas will be speaking nightly. Conferences begin at 7 p.m. each night.

Little Texas Baptist Church, Tunica, will hold a bake auction and singing on Saturday, August 25. The bake auction will be held only in August, but the singing will be a monthly event, held every fourth Saturday night at 7:30. Vernon Stewart, pastor.

Ernest Rockwell, pastor of Oak Grove Baptist Church, Bonita, will retire August 30. Rockwell, 63, has been suffering from an eye condition. He and Mrs. Rockwell will be moving to the coast to be near their children.

A tea will be held August 19 from 2-5 p.m. at the church to honor the Rockwells.

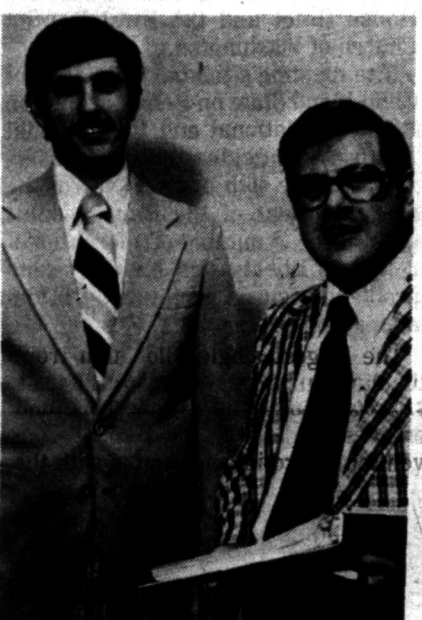


BRIAR HILL BAPTIST CHURCH broke ground Sunday, July 29, for its new educational building. Participating in the ceremonies were (left to right): Roy Garrison, pastor; Bo Clark; Mrs. Freeman Webb; Mrs. John Quarles; James Duke; C. L. Dietrich, contractor; and Johnnie Armstrong.



CHESTERTON BAPTIST CHURCH, TUPELO, recently held commissioning service for three young men who are involved in mission work. Left to right: JIMMY TURNER, son of Rev. and Mrs. Brooks Turner, is serving on the camp staff at Central Hills Baptist Retreat, Kosciusko; TED HOLT, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Holt, will serve as a journeyman to Yucatan, Mexico; and RICKY TURNER, son of Rev. and Mrs. Brooks Turner, is serving as a BSU summer missionary in Hawaii. TOM LITTLEJOHN, pastor (far right) served in northern California through the Christian Service Corps of the Home Mission Board this summer.

RAs and GAs from Sunflower Baptist Church (Sunflower Asso.) recently toured the Baptist Building in Jackson. G. M. Thrower is pastor of Sunflower Church.



NASHVILLE — WAYNE FALTS (LEFT), ANGUILLA, recently attended a seminar at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board on Pastor as a Dynamic Leader for a Growing Church, led by Bruce Grubbs, (right), pastoral ministries consultant in the board's church administration department.

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Staff Changes

John D. Marshall, minister of education at Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Jackson, for ten years has accepted the call of First Baptist Church, Laurel, to serve as minister of education and administration there.

Marshall, a graduate of Mississippi College, received his master of religious education from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He served both Griffith Memorial Baptist Church and First Baptist Church, Grenada as minister of education before coming to Ridgecrest.

Marshall will assume his duties in Laurel August 26. He and his wife, the former Ida Yonkers of Clinton, will be

honored by Ridgecrest Baptist Church at an appreciation dinner August 15.

Rev. Jimmy Hodges, has resigned as pastor of First Baptist Church, Waynesboro, where he served for two years. He will be available for supply or interim work. A resolution commending Hodges for his work in the church was adopted by the deacons.

Olin Johnson has accepted the call as pastor of Oxyka Baptist Church, Oxyka. A student at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Johnson was ordained by Oxyka Baptist Church July 29, shortly after assuming his duties there.

Johnson, a native of Cuthbert, GA., is married to the former Susan Brazeale also of Cuthbert. They have one daughter, Suzanne.

Middle Adults Can Be Reached Through Program

Adult Start-A-Class Sunday is October 7 in Mississippi and throughout the Southern Baptist Convention.

"Because it is the first Sunday of the new Sunday School year, it is a good time to add new units," said Mose Dangerfield, Adult Sunday School Consultant. "Adult classes begun in October should have 10 to 15 members each by March 1980."

In addition, children are added to the Sunday School at a ratio of about two children for three adults enrolled.

Last year, 286 Mississippi churches reported a total of 394 new adult classes. The goal for 1979-80 is 450.

The bulk of classes started last year were for single adults and later adults, the only two age groups that did not decrease in Sunday School enrollment. Churches are also discovering mid-

dle adults who are not enrolled in Bible study. Providing classes can result in enrolling twelve to fifteen middle adults within six months, said Dangerfield.

The September issue of *The Adult Leadership Magazine* contains a guidebook for using the Start-A-Class plan in beginning new adult classes. This guidebook is also available from the state Sunday School Department, Box 530, Jackson, MS.

This plan calls for enlisting a team of a teacher, outreach leader and at least two group leaders who will meet together, come up with a list of prospects, and spend time in prayer. The week prior to the first Sunday of the class should be spent visiting and enrolling members in the class.

Tennessee Church Worshippers Robbed

CLEVELAND, Tenn. (BP) — A thief took \$12,000 to \$18,000 from First Baptist Church, Cleveland, Tenn., July 15, during the second morning worship service.

The robber apparently obtained a master key from the pastor's office. He took 17 billfolds and wallets from the choir room and over \$10,000 in checks and cash from the safe in the finance office. The money had been collected during the first worship service that morning and in Sunday School. Nearly \$5,000 cash, on hand from several special emphases the previous two weeks, was taken.

Cleveland police told the Baptist and Reflector, Tennessee Baptists' newspaper, that there were no leads in the case. Marvin Gibson, the church's pastor, said his office is about 10 feet from the sanctuary, but no one in the sanctuary saw anyone.

A janitor saw a stranger in the hall, but thought possibly that he was waiting on one of the choir members.

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Peruvian Home Missionary Led To Christ Through Tract

By Jennifer Hall Anderson
PUIRA, Peru (BP) — A stranger amidst strangers. No one knew his face or his name. The town he claimed as home was unfamiliar.

Decisively he stood and asked to be baptized. Stunned, the congregation of First Baptist Church in Puira sat as Jose Eleuterio Huancas of Succha recounted his story.

Two years before he had been in the crowd that gathered as a car pulled off the narrow road leading to the Andes. Jose watched the "gringo" step from the car, dust off and wash up in the river. The traveler, a Christian and a missionary, was on his way to visit a congregation in Amazonas. Although the missionary knew most of the people he saw along the way could not read, he passed out tracts to those who gathered around.

But Jose could read and write. He took the tracts and during his four-hour walk home, he thought of his belief that all people passed through purgatory for cleansing, before possibly making it into God's presence. But the tract told how Jesus Christ paid the price of redemption and opened the door to heaven for all who open their hearts to him.

When he came to the part

suggesting a "sinner's prayer," Jose decided to make it his own prayer. Alone, beside the trail, he knelt and read his prayer to God. He was clean inside — happy.

At home he related his story and read the tract to his unconvinced family. Jose would return to "normal" by morning, they said. Instead he awoke happier; again he told his experience to his family.

In time Jose acquired a New Testament. With the scriptures, a dictionary and a lamp, he began to study. Now, two years later, he had come to the Puira church asking to be baptized.

The congregation watched silently as Jose pulled from his pocket the New Testament, carefully wrapped in plastic to keep it clean. "For two years, I've been reading this and teaching it to those who wanted to listen. And now there are 28 adults in my village who have given themselves to Jesus."

Jose continued, telling them his village Christians wanted to form a Baptist church. They had sent him to Puira because the address of the church was on the tract. The story began to fall together. The "gringo" was Southern Baptist missionary Steve Ditmore. Jose Huancas now was standing in the

church where Steve and his wife Shirley worked.

Ditmore and the Puira church pastor went to Succha a month later. "We spent a week there and learned much more than we taught," relates Ditmore. "I was convinced that what we saw was the work of God's Holy Spirit, using his written inspired Word, to transform a people and form them into a church."

From the pueblo of Succha, the people took the message to nearby towns. Several other mission points have since been founded, and one day these also may become churches.

Nine years have passed since Jose Huancas stood before the church and related his astounding story. During part of that time, the Peruvian Baptist Convention had been taking a national mission offering, but only one had volunteered for missionary work — only one until Jose stood before the convention and gave his testimony. He was willing to be Peruvian Baptists' second home missionary.

Jose will work in the mountains near his home. It's a rough life in the Andes. But Jose Eleuterio Huancas, the stranger who met God through a tract, is prepared to go.

Mondale, Young Featured At Religious Liberty Conference

Macedonia Baptist Church (Lincoln): August 19. Former pastor W. F. Bishop will preach in morning worship. Dinner will be served at noon, and will be followed by evening program of music. Estus Mason is interim pastor.

West Laurel Baptist Church, Laurel: September 9. S. W. Valentine, Jackson, will bring both messages. Jack Brossette, Pineville, La., former minister of music and education will lead music. Morning worship at 10:55, afternoon service at 1:30. Friends and former members invited. Wayne L. DuBose is pastor.

Beware of the saint with an open mouth and a closed pocketbook.

WASHINGTON (BP) — Vice President Walter F. Mondale and United Nations Ambassador Andrew Young will headline the 17th Religious Liberty Conference sponsored by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

The biennial conference is scheduled for Oct. 1-3 in Washington. Sites for the meeting are the Executive House Hotel and the First Baptist Church of Washington.

The meeting's theme, "The Role of Church and State on Behalf of Human Rights in National and International Affairs," coincides with the observance of the 40th anniversary of the establishment of the Baptist Joint Committee. A number of international religious liberty and human rights problems figured prominently in the agency's founding.

Other scheduled speakers include Patricia M. Derian, assistant secretary of state for human rights and humanitarian affairs; John J. Gilligan, professor of law at the University of Notre Dame and formerly administrator of the Agency for International Development; William A. Jones, president of the Progressive National Baptist Convention and pastor of Bethany Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N.Y.; and Theo Van Boven, director of the division of human rights at the United Nations' Geneva office.

The meeting will also include a luncheon sponsored jointly by the Baptist Joint Committee and the American Jewish Committee, at which the Jewish group has announced it will present its "Isaiah Award" to the Baptist agency.

Revival Dates

Good Hope Church, Philadelphia: August 12-17. R. R. Newman, pastor, will bring messages nightly at 7:30. Dan Watkins, music director, in charge of music.

Calvary Church, Mount Olive: August 19-24. B. Alfred Jones, pastor, Hurricane Creek Church, evangelist; Dallas Rayborn, Hattiesburg, music evangelist. Services Sunday 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. with dinner on the grounds at noon. Monday through Friday at 7 p.m. M. L. Graham, pastor.

Old Silver Creek Church (Lawrence): August 12-17. Services Sunday at 11 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. with dinner on the grounds at noon. Monday through Friday at 7:30 p.m. James Messer of Vicksburg, evangelist; David Rogers, pastor, Arm Baptist Church, music evangelist.

Harmony Church, Picayune: August 17-19. Thomas J. DeLaughter, evangelist; Jim Johnston, music director. Services Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Roger Bowers, pastor.

Bethany Church, (Jasper): August 19-24. Jerry White, former pastor of Bethany Church, evangelist; Evelyn Rayner, music director. Homecoming services Sunday, August 19 followed by dinner on the grounds. Sunday services at 11 a.m., evening services Monday through Friday at 7:30. Hugh Griffon, pastor.

Immanuel Church (Panola): August 19-24. John Flippin, pastor, Easley Memorial Church, evangelist; Pat Herron, song leader; Mrs. Ruby Cobb, pianist. Services Sunday through Friday at 7:30 p.m. Dan Stroud, pastor.

Short Creek Church (Yazoo): August 19-26. Bob Mathis, Plant City, Fla., evangelist; Darrell Harrison, song leader. Homecoming services Sunday, Aug. 26 with dinner on the grounds. Former pastors and members invited. Art Slatten, pastor.

Revival

Mt. Horeb Baptist Church, Collins, held revival services August 12-15. Billy Crosby, a native of Seminary and graduate of William Carey College, was the evangelist. Jim Roberson is pastor at Mt. Horeb.

Devotional

Man's Best Friend

By James D. McLemore, Pastor
Thirty-Eighth Ave., Hattiesburg

There is an old adage which says, "man's best friend is his dog." If we face reality we find that man's best friend is in fact Jesus. The scripture says, "Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if you do what I command you." (John 15:13, 14 NASV)



McLemore

The first characteristic of Jesus' friendship is sacrificial self-giving. Jesus made the highest expression of love for His friends. He laid down His life for every one. He gave up His life in order that we might have life. Some of us would give up life for a loved one, but few if any would give up life for "just a friend." Jesus did.

Another characteristic of Jesus' friendship is unselfish guidance. He is seeking man's best interest. I read a slogan recently which said, "a friend is a gift you give yourself." We human beings tend to cultivate the friendship of a person for what we can give ourselves or for what we can get out of the relationship. Jesus didn't die for us so we would owe Him a favor. He died for us for our own good. He requires that we keep His law for our own good. When we live in His will we can have abundant life. When we rebel we break ourselves on His law.

A third characteristic of Jesus' friendship is the marvelous family. Being a friend of Jesus is being a friend of the Father. Being a friend of the Father is being a friend of all His children. Wherever one goes he is able to have good friends among God's people. The family of God is a big, loving, caring family. It is joyous to be related to so many fine folks in God's family.

It is truly great to be a friend of Jesus.

Conference Helps Wives Cope With Pressures

GLORIETA, N. M. — Sometimes she is called the associate pastor, or the number one assistant but whatever her title, the minister's wife is nearly always in a sensitive position with considerable burdens simply because of who she is.

Due to her position and the hurts the minister's wife must face, a special conference was offered during Bible Preaching Week at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center to help wives deal with relations and often unfair expectations.

It is not fair to classify all minister's wives in a single, neat category according to Glenn Booth, minister of counseling at First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Texas. Booth and his wife, Betty, a nurse, led the conference for nearly 100 minister's wives.

Not all minister's wives come up through the same background of attending Sunday School and Vacation Bible School as a child, with piano playing ability thrown in on the side. Consequently, not every minister's wife is comfortable or even competent to step in immediately and teach a Sunday School class or serve as head of nearly every committee in the church.

In the conference the women shared

their personal background revealing a wide diversity among their journeys to become the wives of Southern Baptist pastors. And, some of the husbands who are now pastors have widely varied backgrounds, too, according to the information shared in the Minister's Wife Conference.

One woman's husband is a retired military officer. Others said their husbands have been coaches, milkmen, mechanics, auditors, service station attendants, farmers and soft drink salesmen. One woman said she was a preacher's daughter but didn't want to marry a preacher and another was a nurse who married a pastor.

Of the women in the conference, 36 said their husbands were not planning to be pastors when they met or married and 12 said the men they married were not Christians at the time of their marriage.

Wisdom is divided into two parts: having a great deal to say — and not saying it.

An obstinate man does not hold opinions, but they hold him. — Pope

Life and Work Lesson

Witnessing To Skeptics

W. Thomas Baddley
First Baptist Church
Brandon, Mississippi

Acts 17:1-34

For many years we Baptists pushed hard at having everyone be 100% each Sunday. Each "point" on our record keeping system was assigned a proportionate percentage of the total. You received points for being present, points for bringing your Bible, points for studying your lesson, points for being on time, points for giving to the church and points for staying for worship. The individual's "scores" were then tallied and divided by the number on roll to give the class "grade." Sometimes the intense competition for a good grade led to unethical and dishonest acts. There was cheating (marking untruths), lying (inaccurate math) and worst of all there was a strong effort to "cull" the roll of chronic absentees who had a negative effect on the weekly grade.

I'm glad that Paul was numbers-conscious (he saw thousands as lost without Jesus), but not grade-conscious (he usually had only some to respond positively to his preaching). With dignity and his head held high, Paul led his group from Philippi. He had demanded his rights as a Roman citizen and in doing such had brought honorable recognition and credibility to his Christian beliefs and preaching. The city officials from that time forward would treat Christians with more care and respect.

Through Macedonia to Thessalonica and Berea, the journey continued. The days were all alike: Sabbaths in the synagogue and other days wherever men gathered, Jesus was preached. Some scoffed; some ignored them; some rejected the message; some adamantly opposed them; but inevitably some accepted Jesus and joined the Family of Faith. There were Jews and Gentile proselytes. Men and women were responding, in spite of hostile surroundings and crowds of opposition.

Paul's uncompromising stand caused him to be run out of town in Thessalonica and Berea, though Timothy and Silas were allowed to remain in the latter. Accompanied to Athens by a group of Berean converts, Paul found himself alone, awaiting the

arrival of his two (three, if Luke was with them) traveling companions.

Time management has become a topic of both study and conversation in management circles today. Paul didn't have to worry about having extra time to spend. God always led him to use it telling people about Jesus, and thus, he spent his time in this capital city of philosophy and debate.

I. Provoked Within (Acts 17:16-21)

Not content to peacefully sit and wait for his friends, Paul surveyed the city. The city of Athens, renowned for its philosophers and intellectuals, was filled with idols representing man's imagination of what a god may be like. Paul found it repulsive and provoking. It led him to proclaim the true God and God's plan for man's redemption. Today's gods rarely are sculpted from stone and set upon a marble pedestal. Instead, we spend them, drive them, pull them on trailers. We worship the gods of money, sex, success. These are less obvious, but just as dangerous.

Paul chose to preach in two primary places: (1) the synagogue where God-fearing Jews and proselyte Gentiles gathered, and (2) in the marketplace where the people mingled and the philosophers gathered. In both locations he experienced a cool, suspicious reaction. They were accustomed to hearing about many gods, yet this new God proclaimed by Paul didn't fit. Nevertheless, their negative reaction couldn't outweigh the inner compulsion of this man directed by God's Spirit.

II. Getting Their Attention (Acts 17:22-23)

With a careful compliment ("You are uncommonly scrupulous," (v. 22) Paul opens the door to tell them about Jesus. When you attack people with the Word of God, often your attitude outweighs your message. Paul identified himself as a peer and then using an illustration of common understanding (the altar to the unknown God) proceeded with telling them about that unknown God. Paul sought to show them that they were making gods of the attributes of God rather than worshipping the only true God.

III. God Described As Creator (Acts 17:24-26)

Gently, yet firmly, Paul attacked

the polytheistic (many-god) beliefs of the Athenians. Since God created everything, then their gods were swept away and their many imaginary functions were united into one vital relationship that embraced all the needs of mankind (v. 25).

Whereas the Athenians boasted that they sprang from their own soil as a separate and superior people, Paul refuted this belief by declaring that all nations were "made from one." He did not leave room for broad classifications such as Greeks and barbarians or even "clean" and "unclean." All grounds for bigotry were eliminated for we all come from one source.

IV. Man's Dependence On God (Acts 17:28-29)

The God who created us, also continues to sustain us. Our God is the source of all things. "In Him we live and move and have our own being." (v. 28) Instead of man creating images to worship, God provides a vital, living presence and help. He desires that we worship Him with our living and dependence on Him, not by creating limited ideas of some of His attributes.

V. God's Plan For Man (Acts 17:30-31)

The religious illiterate can see God in nature and feel him in conscience. Thus, he may perceive something of God's wisdom and power in the creation and orderly operation of the world. Jesus himself said, "No one cometh to the Father, but by me." (John 14:6) In times past, God excused ignorance of His ways, but now that Jesus has come and performed the work of grace, God will not excuse. Now the judgment of God against sin requires that for forgiveness all men must repent, and trust God's way, His Son Jesus.

Once again we are reminded that God has commissioned us to tell the Good News to all people everywhere. Some will be skeptical listeners like the philosophers in Athens. Some will laugh at the message, some will oppose it, but the convicting power of God's Spirit will bring some to accept God's way. Even from the elite group of the Areopagites one believed. Who from your circle of acquaintances will be this week?

Uniform Lesson

Challenge To Trust God

By Ed North, First, Quitman
Isaiah 7:3; II Kings 16

Moses-like, President Carter recently came down from a Maryland mountaintop to call America back to faith. Setting forth his proposed remedies for the specific ills of the land, he recognized the underlying malaise of a crisis of confidence. The president urged Americans to believe in him and the other leaders of our government. Implicit in his address was the need for a renewed trust in God, and therein lies the real hope for the future of this nation. Presidents, legislators, judicial figures, military leaders, etc. may all fail us. Only God is worthy of our total trust. The president and all his men earn our confidence only as they prove themselves faithful and effective servants of the Divine Purpose.

Eight centuries before Christ Isaiah confronts a crisis of confidence. Fear and panic run rampant in Jerusalem. He calls both the king and the people to faith in God alone. Their rejection of his message and the subsequent judgment of God serve as a graphic lesson for an America in crisis.

I. The Historical Setting (Isaiah 7:1-2, II Kings 16)

Isaiah 7:1-2 summarizes the historical narrative in II Kings 16. To fully appreciate the nature of Isaiah's ministry the reader should examine the Kings material, as well as the additional information in II Chronicles 28.

Briefly, Syria and Israel have laid siege to Jerusalem. These two nations had formed an alliance about 735 B.C. for mutual defense against Assyria. The attack on Judah is largely the result of King Ahaz's refusal to join that alliance. Confronted with a crisis Ahaz does not turn to God but rather does "not that which was right in the sight of the Lord his God" (16:1). Out of desperation Ahaz resorts to the pagan Canaanite practice of sacrificing his first born son (16:3). He appeals to Assyria for help (16:7), and even strips the temple of treasure to bribe the Assyrian king, Tiglath-pileser (16:8). Assyria responds by destroying Damascus and executing the Syrian king, Rezin (16:9). A further indication of Ahaz's pagan tendencies is seen in the construction of an altar patterned after one used in the worship of false gods for his personal use (16:10).

16). In this environment of compromise and evil Isaiah attempts to call a nation back to God.

II. Encouragements to Faith

Isaiah attempts to prod Ahaz and Judah to a genuine faith in God alone through a powerful combination of assurances and threats. I have drawn these together under four headings, each one bearing the label of a significant name.

(1.) **Message of Shear-jashub (7:3-9)** As King Ahaz surveys the defense of Jerusalem's water supply Isaiah approaches with his son, Shear-jashub. The boy's name means "a remnant shall return," and is at once a promise and a warning to Ahaz. Isaiah offers assurances that Syria and Israel are but "two stubs of smoldering firebrands" (v. 4 NAS). Their efforts against Judah will not succeed. Except Ahaz trust in the one true God, all but a remnant of his people will be destroyed under God's future judgment.

(2.) **Message of Immanuel (7:10-25)** Volumes have been written in an effort to answer the critical questions raised by 7:14. I certainly don't propose to settle the issue in a few short sentences. Suffice it to say that, beyond a shadow of doubt, Jesus Christ is the perfect fulfillment of "God with us" (Matt. 1:23). However, the "sign" given had to have a primary meaning for Ahaz. A young woman, possibly a virgin (that's all the Hebrew will permit), will bear a son probably to either the king or the prophet. Before he reaches the age of accountability (v. 16) Israel and Syria will be vanquished.

However, "God with us" is always a double-edged possibility. Where faith is real God's presence is a blessing. Where faith does not exist His presence is judgment. Immanuel is a sign of judgment to Ahaz because of his unbelief. The "fly" of Egypt and the "bee" of Assyria (v. 18) will devastate Judah. The "razor" of Assyria (v. 20) will leave the land bare (vv. 21-25).

(3.) **Message of Maher-shalal-hash-baz (8:1-10)** The billboard-like sign (v. 1) indicates that Isaiah is now appealing directly to the people. This unwieldy name with which he burdens his sons means "swift is the booty, speedy is the prey," and is an enigmatic expression of the destruction of

Syria and Israel. God is trying to convince Judah that their enemy will be defeated without the aid of Assyria. However, Ahaz makes his pact with Assyria despite the assurance of the Lord. The judgment is rendered: the very power Judah trusted to save her will eventually overwhelm her like a raging flood (vv. 5-8). Judah will be severely punished, but will not be destroyed (note the floodwaters up to the "neck" in v. 8). She will be delivered by divine intervention (note "God is with us," v. 10).

(4.) **Message to Isaiah (8:11-21)** God speaks directly to the prophet: "I am the one who should be feared, not the armies of men. I will be both a sanctuary and stumbling stone to both houses of Israel, depending on their response to me." God orders Isaiah to enter a period of silence as a way of jarring Judah to attention (vv. 16-18). The warning against the occult as a source of help is a certain word for this generation (19-22).

III. Tragedy of a Misplaced Faith

The sad story of Ahaz and Judah reflects the tragedy of misplaced faith. Trust is placed in pagan rites of sacrifice (II Kings 16:1), foreign alliances (II Kings 16:7), a tainted altar (II Kings 16:10-16), and superstition (Isaiah 8:19). Despite the pleadings and warnings of God's prophet there is no evidence of a major move toward God. Only a remnant of the faithful can be found (Isaiah 7:3). The judgment about which Isaiah warned Judah, and the divine intervention which he promised came to pass (see II Kings 18-19). God is true to His Word.

The path of man through the centuries is steep with the wreckage of broken dreams and shattered aspirations, and over each one waves the tattered banner of a misplaced faith. We have trusted materialism, secular science, political masterminding, military might, unredeemed humanism, only to be disappointed again and again. The strong message of Isaiah and the undeniable lesson of history challenge us to trust in God alone.

Tyrants have not yet discovered any chains that can fetter the mind. — Colton